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## National Conference of Black Mayors, Inc.

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Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: MB Docket Number 05-192

Dear Chairman Martin, Commissioners Abernathy, Copps, and Adelstein:

I write today to express the support of the National Conference of Black Mayors (NCBM) for the pending acquisition of Adelphia cable systems by Time Warner Inc. and the Comcast Corporation.

Founded in 1974, the NCBM is a member organization of nearly 500 mayors representing 30 million people in this country. Our mission is to enhance the executive management capacity of our members for the purpose of governing strong and vibrant cities and municipalities.

As you know, one of the greatest challenges for city executives is attracting investment by businesses that will spark economic growth and create jobs while at the same time possessing a strong commitment to the improvement of our communities.

Comcast and Time Warner are exactly these types of partners, and this acquisition represents an opportunity to make our cities stronger. Their commitment to our cities is illustrated by such programs as Cable in the Classroom. As of 2004, Comcast has provided free cable service to almost 17,000 schools, and free high speed internet access to roughly 8,500 schools, libraries, and community centers. Time Warner continues to expand access to advanced communications through partnerships with respected organizations like the National Urban League and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

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Headquarters • 1151 Cleveland Avenue, Bldg. D East Point, Georgia 30344 404.765.6444 • Fax 404.765.6430 www.ncbm.ora Comcast and Time Warner have collectively allocated \$800 million to upgrade the less-advanced Adelphia cable systems to meet each company's high standards. This investment along with others will help stimulate and spur growth in local economies by creating jobs, enhancing small business opportunities as well as delivering high-quality cable and high speed internet technology to millions of subscribers. Furthermore, the pending agreements, if approved, will allow Time Warner and Comcast to reduce costs and improve service, which will bolster their investments in newer technologies, better customer service, and additional programming geared towards diverse audiences.

Particularly, we are impressed with Comcast's and Time Warner's efforts to bridge the digital divide in this country. Adelphia's bankruptcy has limited their ability to vigorously invest their resources in meeting the needs of those in our cities left behind in this technological age. This transaction eliminates this barrier and affords Time Warner and Comcast the opportunity to increase their already strong commitments in systems upgrades and delivery of services to our low income and under-served communities.

In Comcast and Time Warner, we see consistent and devoted partners in our cities and municipalities, and we urge your support for this transaction. We strongly believe the public interest will be served, and we look forward to a favorable decision by the Commission. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerety,

Vanessa R. Williams

Executive Director